

News Release

UMC Equestrian Team Earns Reserve High Point AT INTERCOLLEGIATE HORSE SHOW; Places Second Overall on the Weekend

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CROOKSTON, MN (3/31/2006) – University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) students took first place in several events, and the Equestrian Hunt Team secured reserve high point status during UMC's annual intercollegiate horse show this past weekend.

UMC Sophomores Megan Glaser, Amy Sowada and Corey Ramsden and Freshman Kristin Zumbaum all were winners at the show sponsored by the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA).

Sowada placed first in intermediate equitation on the flat; Ramsden was first in novice equitation on the flat and novice equitation over fences; Zumbaum placed first in beginner walk trot canter; and Glaser was first in walk trot. Ramsden also received reserve high point rider for both days, during her first weekend competing in this division. UMC earned reserve high point team both days of the show and for the weekend overall.

"Participating in the organization has really increased my riding skills," says UMC Junior Courtney Sonnek. "I didn't know anything about equitation before joining the team. And the program allows people like me, who are just learning about showing, to be a part of the team and learn from those who have been showing for years."

And the campus and community's support is integral to their success, says Ramsden, who also serves as a UMC Ambassador.

Eight teams, from Zone 9 Region 3 universities and colleges, competed in jumping and flat classes during the weekend of March 25 and 26. Madison, WI, took high point team. Eleven members of the UMC team also placed from first to sixth in their respective riding classes.

The weekend of April 1, five hunt team riders and five western team riders travel to River Falls, WI, to compete at the regional competition. Those qualifying for "hunt" are Amy Sowada, Clare Neenan, Caroline Sneve, Corey Ramsden and Jen Ritchie. Western qualifiers are Sarah Christenson, Theresa Jesunas, Ashley Fraase, Courtney Sonnek and Shannon Shoenberger. Those that place first or second at regionals will move on to compete in Indiana on April 8 and 9.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston, a four-year baccalaureate degree granting institution, is celebrating 100 years of education, research and outreach. To learn more about UMC's Equine Industries Management program, please visit www.UMCrookston.edu and click on Academic Programs.

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